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mission

The mission of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is to acquire and distribute resources that support various Lakeshore Public School programs and projects aimed at enhancing, enriching, or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.

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Thank you 2014 LEF Golf Sponsors

The 12th Annual LEF Golf Outing attracts 112 players to the Harbor Shores Golf Club and raises $20,000 to benefit Lakeshore students.

On June 23, 2014 LEF's largest fundraising event was held at ***Harbor Shores Golf Club***. LEF thanks the Harbor Shore's staff for hosting the event this year. Dedicated players *hung in there* on a rainy-windy-sunny-rainy Michigan day. Prizes given away included a *Whirlpool Duet Washer/Dryer, a Gladiator Chillerator, Gladiator Garage Packages,* golf equipment, and much more! The funds raised will go into the general project fund for student and teacher grants. *-- Tom Mikel, LEF Board Trustee & Chairman of the Lakeshore Scramble*

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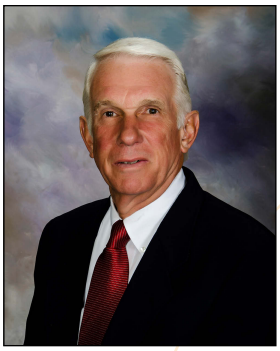
Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually the LEF Board evaluates the health of the Fund, makes contributions based on the giving and project needs, and has reinvested the earned interest every year. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact JC Anderson at 269.921.2513 or email at andersonjcna@gmail.com

Chairman's Commentary

To the Lakeshore Community ...



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

"Approximately two years ago, I was asked to become the Chairperson for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. I would like to reflect on what the Board has accomplished in that time and share with you our future challenges."

Accomplishments

- **Full Board Membership of 21 Volunteers** Two years ago we had 14 active Board members. Within six months, we recruited the talent we needed, including additional marketing expertise, to fill our Board with 21 active members.
- **Focus & Alignment:** with the full board in place, we have developed five basic operating principles that guide our daily thoughts, focus, and efforts.
- **Established a Major Donor Recognition:** with our donors who contribute $1000 or more annually, we have established a ***Lancer Leader*** distinction providing special benefits.
- **Fund Raising:** we have initiated a focused effort in this area with face-to-face discussions, a targeted contribution amount for a 3-year period, and the necessary follow-up effort required. We feel honored that the community members have listened, and favorably responded, to our discussion highlighting how the Lakeshore school district is in the bottom 8% of funding out of all Michigan school districts based on the average revenue per student received from the state government.
- **School Projects/Programs:** from a prior three year plateaued net annual contribution level of $210,000-$215,000, our fundraising efforts have enabled us to raise this annual amount to $350,000 with $100,000 of this focused on the teacher and student grant programs.

Looking to the Future

- **Learning Centers:** as you will read in detail in this newsletter, we are undertaking our largest ever LEF project. We will be transforming the districts five libraries/media centers into ***21st Century Learning Centers***. This is a 3- year $600,000 project far surpassing our past largest project of the $185,000 Technology Campaign.
- **Community Support:** the community continues to be receptive to supporting Lakeshore Public Schools and its teachers and students. Although contributions through LEF have grown, we have a long way to go to attain new donors as well as maintain the support we have to fulfill our mission. To succeed with the ***21st Century Learning Centers*** project, we will need this additional support.
- **Alumni Class Contacts:** we feel there is no more passionate support for a school than the alumni of that school. We would like to establish a class contact for each class to enable a more effective communications flow. Please help us with those contacts!

On behalf of the LEF Board, we are always interested in your thoughts, comments, and ideas for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's efforts and activities. Please reach out to me via phone at 269-921-2513 or email at andersonjcna@gmail.com

Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson

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21st Century Learning Centers

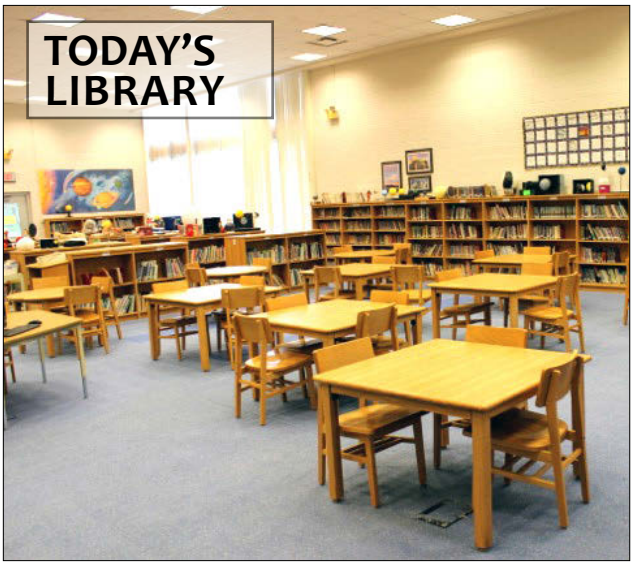
$600,000 School Library Transformation

In June 2014, LEF announced a $600,000 school library transformation project. The five Lakeshore Public School Library/Media Centers will be reinvented into ***21st Century Learning Centers.***

LEF worked with School Administration and the Board of Education to ensure that this project is a critical and necessary element for the enhanced education of Lakeshore students.

Three major components of the project:

1. Redefining available space
2. Purchasing of updated technologies for access, production, and presentation
3. Furniture that provides flexible options within defined spaces



Current Lakeshore School Library

21st Century Learning Center Concept

Current Lakeshore School Library

21st Century Learning Center Concept

21st Century Learning Centers

Today's library is a functional space for independent information access and quiet study areas.

Tomorrow's learning center will include print and digital information access areas, group and collaborative instructional areas, and presentation and production areas, recreational reading areas, and social areas.

The center will include a production area for small and large group presentations, small group collaboration areas with wi-fi capabilities and charging stations, and stand alone computers and printers that support project work.

Flexible furniture options will allow students and staff options in terms of group size and dynamics, and will allow configurations to support collaboration, efficiency, creativity, expression, and social opportunities.

This project supports the Lakeshore Public School's strategic goal to use state-of-the-art technology and interdisciplinary/project based learning at all grade levels and content areas to produce students who are competitive in a 21st century community.

The centers will be executed through private donations via the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

The project will start in the Fall of 2014 in the high school. Followed by the middle school and then the three elementary schools over the next three years. This implementation plan will best utilize architects and contractors working on the 2013 bond projects and will minimize student and staff disruption.

Lakeshore Superintendent Phil Freeman stated, "The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's financial commitment will allow us to transform our libraries into ***21st Century Learning Centers***. These renovations complement the conversion of the learning spaces already occurring in our classrooms throughout the district. Creating a technology rich environment with flexible spaces that foster collaboration as well as independent study is a critical component in preparing our students for successful college and career experiences."

For more information on the Learning Center project, please contact J.C. Anderson or another LEF Board Member.

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Lakeshore High School Band to Normandy

Normandy 2014 - The Lakeshore Band was invited to participate in the 70th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

LEF was one of the major sponsors for the Lakeshore Band's trip to Normandy, France. The band was selected to take part in the 70th Anniversary of D-Day in June. This was a phenomenal once and lifetime opportunity for these students and we were proud to be part of making this happen. LEF was also the sponsor of the FREE community concert performed by the Lakeshore Band and Choirs at the Mendel Center.

Students with veteran

An American Cemetery in Normandy

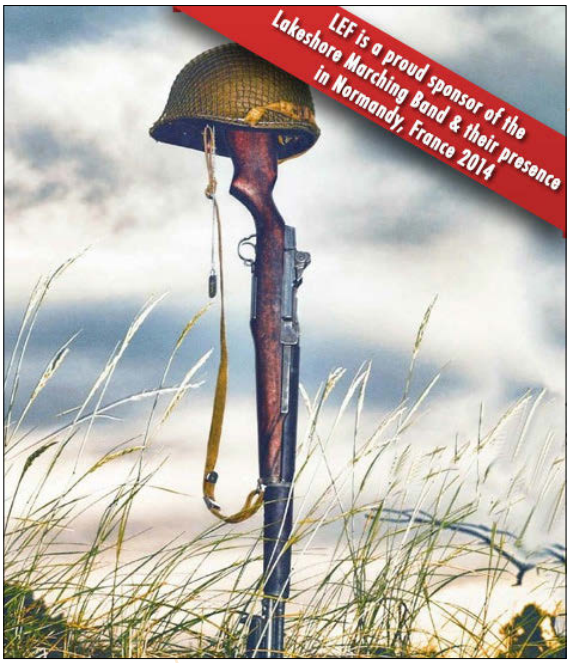
The French Senate Building in the Luxembourg Gardens

Omaha Beach

Lakeshore High School Band Normandy Trip - Mission Statement

Our mission is to create an educational experience for our students so that they will remember forever the meaning of D-Day and those Michigan citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom as well as the significant role the State of Michigan played in this war effort. Our three objectives are to honor the fallen, to honor the surviving Veterans and to celebrate the forgotten contributions the State of Michigan made in World War II.

Lakeshore High School Band to Normandy



Marching on Omaha Beach June 6, 2014, 70 years after D-Day.

Giving tribute by pouring sand from home on graves of Michigan soldiers.

Students with veteran

At Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

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Time to Apply for the Foundation Project Grant

October 15 Deadline

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation offers many grant opportunities. The deadline for the Foundation Project grant is coming in October. If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, please visit LEFonline.org to fill out and print your application.

Foundation Project Information

Applications can be found online at LEFonline.org
Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

- The Project Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of more than $2500.
- The proposal may take up to three years to fully implement.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund — this grant is an opportunity to think BIG!
- The proposal should impact a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.

QUESTIONS:
Kim McAllister, LEF Trustee
Ph: (269) 408-1509 or
Email: kim.mcallister1@yahoo.com

May 2014
Foundation Project Grants Recipients

Julie Powell, Assistant Superintendent
K-5 Math Practices/Routines

K-5 Math Practices/Routines: developing and implementing a K-5 process for the required Common Core State Standards for math.

Hollywood Elementary School
The Leader in Me

The Leader in Me is a whole-school transformation model that acts like the operating system of a computer — it improves performance of all other programs. Based on ***The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People®***, ***The Leader in Me*** produces transformational results such as higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems, and increased engagement among teachers and parents. Better yet, ***The Leader in Me*** equips students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st century economy.

Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Pete Vergot III

Dr. Pete Vergot III named Distinguished Alumni 2014

Dr. Pete Vergot III received the award from LEF at the Lakeshore High School commencement ceremony June 1, 2014.

Vergot graduated with the class of 1972 and received his Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts and Ph.D. in agricultural and extension education from Michigan State University.

Vergot is currently a professor and district Extension director at the University of Florida. Since 1997, he has worked with the university and community leaders in more than 10 countries by assisting in agricultural education and extension development and advisory services.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established by LEF to honor alumni who have excelled in their profession and made significant contributions to their community. Their achievements, strength of character and citizenship serve as models to inspire and challenge today's students.

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